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SUBJECT: DCL: LETTER FROM MINASHIN TO DAS NAEHER

FOR A/OC, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NAEHER

REF: A. STATE 156486 B. STATE 118155

1. EMBASSY JULY 18 RECEIVED LETTER (DATED JULY 14) FROM MINASHIN
TO DAS NAEHER, INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
ALLOWING THE DETRICK STATION TO PERFORM LOOPBACK TESTS VIA THE
MOLNIYA-3 SATELLITE, THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION
OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT PROGRAM.

THE TESTS CAN BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH
15, 1975, FROM 1930 TO 2130 HOURS (MOSCOW TIME). I AGREE WITH THE
PROGRAM OF TESTS YOU SPECIFIED. I WILL INFORM YOU LATER
CONCERNING INITIAL DATA FOR CALCULATING THE DESIGNATIONS OF THE
DETRICK EARTH STATION.

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REGARDING YOUR LETTER OF JULY 3, 1975, I AM SOMEWHAT PUZZLED. OUR INTENTION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF THE TGP-4 CHANNEL TO THE L'VOV EARTH STATION IS BASED ON ARTICLE 2 OF THE "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA CONCERNING THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK." WE ARE TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES FOR ASSURING UNBROKEN AND RELIABLE SERVICE BY THE TGP-4 CHANNEL, INCLUDING THE USE OF THE L'VOV STATION, WHICH WILL BE THE BASIS STATION FOR THE TGP-4 CHANNEL. CONCERNING THE FORMAL SIDE OF THE MATTER (YOUR REFERENCE TO THE PROTOCOL OF DECEMBER 10, 1973), IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE CORRESPONDING ADDITIONS TO THE PROTOCOL IN THE COURSE OF OUR NORMAL CONTACTS.

WE FEEL THAT USE OF THE L'VOV STATION WILL PERMIT SHORTENING THE INTERRUPTION IN USE OF THE TGP-4 CHANNEL TO A MINIMUM AND WE AGAIN SUGGEST THE TRANSFER OF THAT CHANNEL TO THE L'VOV STATION.

THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 25-28, 1975.

IN THE EVENT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO REPLACE THE SCPC APPARATUS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US TO CLOSE DOWN THE TGP-4 CHANNEL FOR 2-3 WEEKS FOR DISASSEMBLY OF THE OLD SCPC EQUIPMENT, AND ASSEMBLY AND TURNING OF THE NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT. UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE.
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